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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJECT: MORE PRESS REPORTS ON BREZHNEV'S HEALTH

REF: CAIRO 24

1. DESPITE GOE AND SOVIET EMBASSY FURY OVER AHARAM REPORT THAT BREZHNEV RECEIVED FAHMY FROM HIS SICK BED (REFTEL), AKHBAR AL-YAWM JAN 4 REPEATS SAME STORY AND IN GREATER DETAIL.

2. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE CLAIMS BREZHNEV EXHIBITED SYMPTOMS OF BRONCHITIS IN PARIS AND, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO MOSCOW, PHYSICIANS ADVISED HIM TO POSTPONE CAIRO VISIT. WHEN HIS HEALTH CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE, HE WAS MOVED TO HOSPITAL OUTSIDE MOSCOW. ALTHOUGH "DISSATISFIED WITH HIS DOCTORS, BREZHNEV WAS OBLIGED TO OBEY THEM." SINCE HE DID NOT WANT DELAY OF HIS ARAB TOUR TO BE MISINTERPRETED, HE ASKED SADAT URGENTLY TO SEND FAHMY AND GAMASY TO MOSCOW. LATTER DONNED WHITE COATS TO VISIT HIM IN HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY FOUND BREZHNEV IN PYJAMAS AND DRESSING GOWN. DOCTORS ASKED FAHMY NOT TO STAY TOO LONG, SO HE CUT SHORT TALK,  
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ADVISING BREZHNEV HE SHOULD REST.

3. ALI AMIN, AKHBAR EDITOR IN CHIEF, WRITES USSR-GOE RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT, AND BREZHNEV WILL COME TO CAIRO AS SOON AS DOCTORS ALLOW HIM TO TRAVEL.

4. COMMENT: SOVIET EMBASSY WILL BE LIVID, AND WILL NO DOUBT REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO CONVINCE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES THAT BREZHNEV IS NEITHER SICK NOR HOSPITALIZED.  
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